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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

INFO WHITE HOUSE IMMEDIATE

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FOR AMBASSADOR; WH FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SY, US, OVIP

SUBJECT: ASAD VISIT DATES

REF: DAMASCUS 1649

1. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE WHITE HOUSE ON POSSIBLE DATES FOR MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT ASAD. THE PRESIDENT WILL BE IN LONDON FOR THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT MAY 7 AND 8 AND FOR NATO MAY 10. WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS ON MAY 9, MOST PROBABLY IN THE AFTERNOON, WHICH COULD IF NECESSARY EXTEND INTO THE EVENING. SINCE PRESIDENT CARTER WILL ALREADY BE IN LONDON, A MEETING THERE WOULD BE THE MOST CONVENIENT FOR HIM. WE WOULD UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, IF

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PRESIDENT ASAD MIGHT WISH TO HAVE MEETING AT OTHER MORE NEUTRAL SITE. SHOULD THIS BE ASAD'S DESIRE, WE BELIEVE THAT GENEVA HAS MANY ADVANTAGES:

--IT CAN BE CONSIDERED POINT TO WHICH BOTH PRESIDENTS COULD GO TO MEET, INSTEAD OF ONE GOING TO THE OTHER.

--IT IS "NEUTRAL."

--MEETING BETWEEN TWO HEADS OF STATE COULD TAKE PLACE WITH
ABSOLUTE MINIMUM OF PROTOCOL AND OTHER CEREMONY (MEETING IN
MOST CAPITAL CITIES--E.G., BUCHAREST--ON OTHER HAND WOULD

BE GREATLY COMPLICATED BY SUCH HOST COUNTRY CEREMONIAL
CONSIDERATIONS.)

-- PRESIDENT HAS NO PLANS TO GO TO BUCHAREST OR ANY OTHER
CAPITAL ON THIS TRIP. TRIP TO GENEVA WOULD BE SOLELY FOR
PURPOSE OF MEETING PRESIDENT ASAD.

2. REQUEST YOU EXPLORE THIS MATTER URGENTLY WITH KHADDAM
OR DIRECTLY WITH ASAD AND GIVE US REPLY ASAP.

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